

I am writing to urge you to vote against SB 477 and HB 5397 bills about gun violence commission and the establishment of an office of gun violence prevention. Both bills are another typical sop to wealthy white progressive gun control types. So, while gun control groups will get sinecures for their activists and advance their wish lists of more studies and more funds, no actual reduction in gun crime or gun violence will occur. I've lived in the Northeast for my whole life and have been a Connecticut resident for sixteen years. These states have the strictest, most convoluted, and most expensive pathways to legal weapons ownership and yet, despite all these hoops gun violence still occurs a plenty.

People for whom crime is a profession seem to break gun laws with depressing consistency as the local police blotters are filled with reports of convicted felons illegally carrying their illegally owned firearm with their illegal full ("high") capacity magazines. Meanwhile legal owners, especially black and brown legal owners are faced with crushing regulations and wait times merely to possess a firearm in their homes.

More committees, studies, or a farcical declaration that gun violence is "public health crisis" will not stop professional criminals from employing a tool useful in their chosen line of work.

I urge you to stop fostering white supremacy and making the barriers to entry for legal ownership of weapons by black and brown nutmeggers so high. Many thanks for your time and God bless you.

Yours faithfully,

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